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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action dated September 10, 2002 for the above-identified application.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement. In particular, Applicants submit that the search for the multiple groups specified in the Office Action should be substantially overlapping.

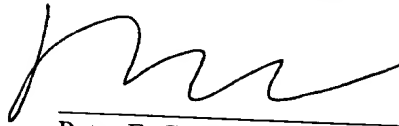
In this respect, Applicant note that an International Search has been conducted for the corresponding International Application. In that International Search, **all 28 claims of the application were searched** and the International Search Report and cited documents have been submitted in this application.

To provide a complete response, Applicant elect Group I, which includes claims 1-3, 5 and 7-10, as that group is defined in the Office Action.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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